Philadelphia County Prison,
Debtors' Wing
Reed Street and Passyunk Avenue
Philadelphia
Philadelphia County
Pennsylvania

HABS No. PA-1097-A

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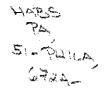
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE	COUNTY	图: 140 · 10	TOWN OR VICI	NITY
PENNSYLVANIA			PHILADELPHIA	
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)				HABS NO.
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY PRISON, DEBTORS' WING				PA-1097-A
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE				
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)				
Reed St. and Passyunk Ave. DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)				
ATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)			'	
1836	<u> </u>	Thomas U. Walter, FAIA (1804-1884)		
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Debtors' Wing was one of the finest examples of Egyptian Revival architecture in America				
It was modeled after the Temple of Amenophis III, on the Isle d'Elephantine on the Nile.				
It was designed by Thomas U. Walter, one of the great 19th century American architects.				
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)	·····			
Egyptian Revival				
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Coursed red sandstone ashlar front; Sandstone rubble sides and rear. Bearing-wall structural				
ystem.				
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)				
Measured 50'-1/2" (three-bay front) X 86'-2"; two stories on raised basement.				
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The most notable exterior feature is the front elevation. A good feeling of Egyptian				
originality is evident in this facade. The entrance is an Egyptian distyle in antis. The				
two well-proportionated column	ns are of lotus	-bud form. Flank	ing windows.	have typically
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCI	RIBE FLOOR PLANS	S. IF NOT SKETCHED)		
Central longitudinal corridor floor plan with flanking prison cells.				
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MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITION	SWITH DATES			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE			•	
Demolished in 1968.	•			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE				
The front portico is in the possession of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.				
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INC.) LIGH	NG LISTING ON NA	TIONAL REGISTER S	TATE RECISTER	S ETC I
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)				
See page 2.				
				
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Susan McCown, editor, Historic	American Buil	dings Survey (HA	BS) M	ay 2, 1984.

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (continued from page 1):

narrowing frames. The main cornice and all window cornices are Egyptian cavetto cornices. The ornamentation over the entrance and on the main cornice are Egyptian winged disks. The winged disk on the main cornice is of carved stone, and the one over the entrance is of cast iron. The entrance doors have two elongated panels with round heads and are surrounded by diamond-shaped "pegs".

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